

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 29, 2015

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, will be held at Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, rear entrance, in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut on Tuesday September 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To choose a moderator.
- 2. To consider and vote upon the following:

“Shall the Town of Woodstock repeal the Ordinance adopted at Adjourned Special Town Meeting on December 8, 1979 known as Proposition 46?”

Please take note that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Woodstock Board of Selectmen have, on their own initiative, removed the foregoing item 2 for submission to the voters of the Town of Woodstock by referendum to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, rear entrance, in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut. The vote will be a “Yes” or “No” vote. Absentee ballots are available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut this 14th day of September, 2015.

Woodstock Board of Selectmen, Allan D. Walker Jr., First Selectman, Chandler Paquette, Selectman, D. Mitchell Eaffy, Selectman, Attest: Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk

RETURN OF NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on September 14, 2015 I left a duplicate of the attached warning and notice of Special Town Meeting of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, with Judy E. Walberg, its Town Clerk.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Woodstock Villager, a newspaper having substantial circulation in said Town, on September 18, 2015.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON September 18, 2015, I caused to be set upon the Legal Notice Board, and at all places and signposts designated by the Town, a written copy of said warning and notice signed by the Selectmen.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT all of the above acts were done a least five days before the holding of said meeting on September 29, 2015.

Allan D. Walker, Jr., First Selectman

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Notice and Return of Notice are duly recorded in the records of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut.

Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 29, 2015

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On motion of Allan D. Walker, Jr., with a second by Michael Dougherty it was voted to dispense with the reading of the call.

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, was held at Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, rear entrance, in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut on Tuesday September 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with 4 people in attendance for the following purposes:

Allan D. Walker, Jr. moved, with a second by Edwin Higgins, to recess the meeting to Woodstock Academy and reconvene there at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m. the Town Clerk reconvened the Special Town Meeting at Woodstock Academy with approximately 100 people in attendance.

- 1. To choose a moderator. Nominations were called for by the Town Clerk for Moderator. Chandler Paquette moved, with a second by Mr. St. Jean, to nominate Edwin Higgins as moderator. Being no further nominations, Mr. Higgins was elected moderator for this evening.
- 2. To consider and vote upon the following: The Moderator opened the floor for discussion on the following:

“Shall the Town of Woodstock repeal the Ordinance adopted at Adjourned Special Town Meeting on December 8, 1979 known as Proposition 46?”

He asked that people limit their speaking time to 3 minutes and after all who would like to speak have had a chance, the Moderator will give people an opportunity to speak a second time.

Many people approached the podium to speak in favor and against the repeal. Many opinions were aired. The Town Treasurer, Donna Stefanik fielded some questions concerning reval years and the calculation of Prop 46. Other questions were what would happen with budgets without Prop 46, and what are we doing to increase economic development in town.

Jennifer Ducat made a motion to change the hours of voting to 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. Mr. Higgins ruled this motion out of order as the Selectmen have previously removed this item from the agenda to be voted and had set the hours for the referendum as 12 noon – 8 p.m.

Comments and discussion ensued over the town meeting body should be able to change the voting hours and Mr. Higgins again repeated the motion was out of order.

People then commented on disenfranchised voters who cannot be in town between noon and 8 p.m. The Town Clerk explained that absentee ballots have been available and will be available at her office up until the opening of polls at 12 noon.

Being no further discussion the Moderator read the following:

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Mr. Higgins then thanked Woodstock Academy for their allowing the town to use the space.

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 12 noon.

Attest: Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk

**REFERENDUM RESULTS
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
AS ANNOUNCED BY THE MODERATOR
SUSAN STERN
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

Said resolution was submitted to the voters at referendum under the heading set out below.

“Shall the Town of Woodstock repeal the Ordinance adopted at Adjourned Special Town Meeting on December 8, 1979 known as Proposition 46?”

Number of “Yes” votes: 574

Number of “No” votes: 1,371

The motion has FAILED.

The referendum was held in accordance with the Notice of the meeting on October 6, 2015 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 P.M.

Voter turnout was 39.55%

Whole number of electors on the Registry List	4,810
Whole number of electors checked as having voted in person on registry list	1,761
Whole number of electors checked as having voted by Absentee ballot on the Registry List is on the registry list is	134
Whole number of electors not checked on Registry List is	4,184
Whole number of votes by property owners assessed on grand list for Not less than \$1,000.00	34 + 9 Absentee

/s/ Susan Stern, Moderator
/s/ Daryl Whitehead, Ballot Clerk
/s/ Suzanne Woodward, Registrar of Voters
/s/ Mary Place, Registrar of Voters

Attest: _____
Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk